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Griffin named Youth Services librarian

NEWTON—Richard Griffin, Jr. is the new Youth Services librarian for Catawba County Library System, according to Karen Foss, library director.

Griffin, based at the Main Library in Newton, will be involved with community outreach and programming for children and youth through age 18. He will also assist with posting youth information on the library website, <http://www.catawbacountync.gov/library/>. He succeeds Amy Dawson, who is now with the Iredell-Statesville City Schools.



A Hickory native, Griffin recently earned his master of library science degree from Appalachian State University after completing an internship at St. Stephens branch library. He received a bachelor's degree from Western Carolina University and previously worked as a safety and environmental manager in the furniture industry. His most recent served as a dispatcher for Cargo Transporters in Claremont.

Becoming a librarian is a life-long dream for Griffin, who has always felt at home in libraries. He especially enjoys science fiction and mysteries, though he says he loves “all types of books, particularly children’s literature.”

“Richard will be a great asset as we serve our youth patrons in promoting literacy and working with local schools and youth organizations,” Foss said.

In his new position Griffin hopes to encourage youth to use the library through initiatives involving veteran's histories and perhaps starting a storytelling group.

He resides in the Startown community with wife, Patty, and daughter, Hillary.

The Main Library is located at 115 West C Street in Newton. The Catawba County Library System also includes the Claremont, Conover, Maiden, Sherrills Ford, Southwest and St. Stephens Branch Libraries.



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